Rs 55 lakhs for Conservation and Management of Bio-diversity in coastal districts of Karnataka;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) by when the approval to the proposal is expected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) All proposals for conservation of bio-diversity received from various State Governments are examined as per the laid down procedures and guidelines.

Deaths due to animals attacks

1834. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI. Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people who have died in attacks by animals in different parts of the country during the last two years,

(b) whether it is a fact that leopards, tigers, wolves and elephants are attacking human beings in different parts of the country because of encroachment of the protected land; and

(c) if so, the steps Government have taken to stop the encroachment and punish the encroachers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA). (a) The information on the number of people who have died in encounter with wild animals, as reported by States/UTs, is given in the Statement. (*See* below).

(b) The attacks on human beings by wild animals are due to human settlements/activities in and around wildlife habitats. Encroachments of forest land is one such activity which has adverse effect on habitats/ corridors of wild animals.

(c) The Central Government have, *vide* taits letter dated 3-5-2002, issued detailed guidelines to all the State/UT Governments for eviction of all in-eligible encroachers from the forest lands.

Statement

Number of people who have died in encounter with wild animals

Sl. No.	States	Number of cases 2002-03	2003-04
1.	Andaman & Nicobar	3	—
2.	Andhra Pradesh	2	—
3.	Arunachal Pradesh*	—	2
4.	Assam	57	42
5.	Bihar	—	1
6.	Chhattisgarh	21	2
7.	Jharkhand	94	72
8	Gujarat	14	20
9.	Himachal Pradesh	5	6
10.	Karnataka	24	31
11.	Kerala	14	5
12.	Madhya Pradesh	2	4
13.	Maharashtra	39	29
14.	Meghalaya	2	2
15.	Orissa	41	32
16.	Tamil Nadu	27	22
17.	Tripura	3	2
18.	Uttaranchal	29	36
19.	Uttar Pradesh	1	14
20.	West Bengal	87	62
	TOTAL:	465	382